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To Vicki and Christy—thanks for all your love, laughter, and support. We do have a good time.

To Mom and Dad—you always knew I could do this. Who would have thought?

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Introduction:
Drawing Is Easier Than You Think!

You Can Draw Bible Stories is more than just part of the title of this book—it’s a fact! Whether you’re an experienced artist or you don’t know which end of the pencil to use, this book helps you learn how to sketch, design, create, and illustrate some really cool pictures. And all the while you’ll be learning some awesome stuff from the Old and New Testaments.

On each page you’ll discover a story, such as David and Goliath, Noah and his ark, or Zacchaeus up in the tree. Then you’ll get a chance to illustrate the whole thing. You’ll draw the people, the animals, and even the places where these stories took place. And don’t worry—you’ll get step-by-step examples and even some “fill in the blanks” to help you along the way.

To get you ready to illustrate your own book, you’ll need to gather your supplies. Do you like to draw with a pencil, a pen, or a crayon? Whichever you prefer, keep one or two on hand. And although you can draw right in this book if you like, you might get some extra paper as well so you can practice a few times on each drawing.
Now let’s try some simple drawings to get your creative muscles warmed up. Let’s start with a person. Almost everyone I know can draw a simple stick figure. So go ahead and draw one. You know, big head, stick body, arms, and legs. We’ll draw a stick girl in a second.

You know, I’ve got to say I’ve never seen anyone walking around with their arms and legs sticking out like that. So for our first move, let’s get the arms down to the side, the way most of us stand. And let’s have the legs go down so they touch the ground.
Isn’t that better? Now here’s a little trick using parallel lines. Parallel lines are just lines that go along with one another like this:

Parallel Lines

Now use your newfound friends—your parallel lines—and fill out the guy. Draw a line next to the stick figure lines on his body, arms, and legs. See, he’s not a stick anymore. He’s beginning to fill out. Like a real guy!
Look at that! You’ve already drawn a person and we’re not even finished with the introduction yet!

**You're on a roll.**
I’d say we should try a girl now. Same thing—start with a stick girl. That’s right, add her little triangular dress there and two sticks for legs. Now let’s do the same thing with our parallel lines. Use them to make arms, legs, and her body. Add some long hair and a pretty face, and voilà! A little girl!
Faces

When you’re drawing simple cartoons, facial expressions are important. How is the person feeling? Happy? Sad? Mad? Here’s a secret: They’re also really easy to draw. Check this out—here are some happy, sad, confused, scared, and angry faces.

Now draw some faces in the blank circles below: Try drawing someone who’s happy. Now draw a sad face. How about a sleepy person? Or someone who’s seasick? Add some hair and maybe glasses or a beard. We’ll do some more expressions later on in the book.
I know, nobody likes to draw hands. But you can do it. It just requires a little practice. So here are a few tips that will help you out. Start by drawing a little sun. That’s right. Now add five little sun rays coming out. Now add parallel lines, close them off at the ends, and there you’ve drawn a hand!

More...

And here’s an added bonus. *You Can Draw Bible Stories* has a website! It’s full of information, illustrations, trivia questions, drawing tips, and even video tutorials to help you become the best drawer...uh, artist, you can imagine! Just check with your parents to make sure it’s okay and then go to [YouCanDrawBibleStories.com](http://YouCanDrawBibleStories.com) and check it out.

But for now, just turn the page, and let’s get started!
In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.
—Genesis 1:1

In the beginning...

God created everything—the sun, the moon, all the stars, and the whole earth! He made the mountains, the oceans, and all the plants and animals. If you’re God, you can pretty much do anything, so creating everything was easy for Him.

Then God created the first two people on earth. Their names were Adam and Eve.

God placed His two new kids inside a beautiful garden called Eden. (It was probably about where Iraq is now.) There were tall trees, rivers, all kinds of fruit trees from which to eat...and one fruit tree they were definitely not to eat from. But more on that later.
What do you think the Garden of Eden looked like? Here’s my idea, but why don’t you add some more trees, bushes, and maybe some animals. Make it beautiful!

Here is a simple way to draw trees. Just draw a circle and then give it a trunk. Easy, huh?
Here’s an easy way to draw a palm tree. Start by drawing a star, and then add a long trunk. You’ve got an instant palm tree!

Now let’s try drawing these all together. Draw a big circle, a smaller circle, a star, and a half circle. Draw their trunks, and you’ve got two leafy trees, a palm tree, and a bush. Easy!
After God created Adam, He gave him an important job—He asked Adam to name all the animals He’d created. That’s right, Adam came up with names like cat, dog, orangutan, and giraffe.

Can you imagine what that must have looked like? Did Adam go find every animal, or did each one come to him?

Here’s Adam. Why don’t you draw some animals waiting to get their names? How about a tiger, a zebra, and a skunk?
Let’s draw the tiger first. Start with a circle for his head. Add two triangles for ears. Then do two eyes, a circle for his nose, and a line like this. This makes him look like a cat. The body may take some practice. Start with an oval and add four legs. Here’s the fun part—the stripes and the tail! Color in the stripes, and there—you have a tiger!
Speaking of stripes, let’s draw a zebra next. Using parallel lines, draw an upside-down $L$ for his head. His body is just a rectangle connected to the upside-down $L$. Let the legs gently drop out of the body like this...careful that they’re not too long. Add two eyes and ears, a nose, stripes, and a tail, and there’s your zebra. I wonder where Adam came up with *that* name!
Keeping up our theme of stripes, let’s draw a fun little creature—a skunk. Start with a kind of diamond design. That’s going to be his head. Keep the bottom of the diamond open. Add ears and close the top of the diamond. Now add a couple eyes (I just use dots) and his nose. Draw a line down from the nose to give him that small animal look. His body is kind of curvy as if you were drawing a vase. Add feet and a big bushy tail (make it wider than his body). Now color in most of the body black but leave some white for stripes. You’ve got a skunk!
Let's draw some more of the animals Adam named that day. How about some simple ones—a cat, a dog, a bird, and a fish? To draw the cat and the dog, just start with a circle.

Very good! Keep practicing on your scratch sheet.
Adam and Eve had a wonderful time in the garden. It had everything they needed, and they got to be with God all the time. But one day the snake came and tricked Eve. “Did God say you couldn’t eat from every tree in the garden?”

“We can eat from all of the trees,” Eve answered, “except the one over there in the middle of the garden. If we eat from that one, we’ll die.”

The snake replied with a lie. “You won’t die! In fact, if you eat from that one, you’ll be just like God! Wouldn’t that be great?”

So the snake encouraged Eve to eat from the one tree that she wasn’t supposed to eat from—the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. When she ate the fruit and shared it with Adam, things were never the same.

Because they rebelled against God, their friendship with Him was broken, and they were never allowed to live in the garden again. That was a dark day indeed.

But God never gave up on them. He had plans for Adam and Eve—and for all of us.
God created the Rocky Mountains, the Atlantic Ocean, and the Grand Canyon. But do you know what His very favorite creation is? It’s you! People are the only things in the universe that God made in His own image. God calls you His special treasure (Deuteronomy 26:18). Is that cool or what?